81 Acts.

And be it likewise Enacted, That upon every Conviction before a Liber B.L.C. single Magistrate out of Court, in Manner aforesaid, the Justice shall be intitled to a Fee or Reward of Five Shillings; and the Constable, [Justices and for serving every Warrant against such Mother or reputed Father, Fees.] the Sum of Two Shillings and Six Pence, and no more, to be paid by the Party so convicted.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Woman shall be with Child, which Child when born shall by the Laws of this Province be a [Single Bastard, and shall confess the same before some Justice of the Women with Child, Peace, and make Oath to the Begetter of such Child, that then and in confessing such Case the Justice aforesaid shall bind over such Woman, and the the Begetter, to be bound Begetter of such Child, to the next Court to be held for the said over with County, in which Court the Parties shall be kept bound 'til after ter, to the the Delivery of the said Woman of such Bastard Child, and until next County the same Method of Proceeding shall be had before a single Justice of the Peace, or County Court, as the Case may happen, against such Woman and the Begetter of such Child, for Recovery of the Fines of and from such Woman, and Begetter of such Child, and securing the County, as is directed by this Act in like Cases.

And be it further Enacted, That no County Court within this Province shall take Cognizance, or proceed to hear, try, and deter- [Parties mine any such Fornication or Adultery as aforesaid, where the Par- the Sin of ties charged therewith shall willingly confess the same, before some Adultery or Fornication, Justice, according to the Directions of this Act.

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Provided nevertheless, That where any Person or Persons have zance of the been bound over to answer for Fornication or Adultery, or that have County Court.] been presented or indicted for the same, or that shall at any Time, before the first Day of October next, be presented or indicted for [Proviso.] such Offence; that then the several and respective County Courts shall proceed to final Judgment thereon, against the Person or Persons so offending; any Thing in this Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

This Act to continue for three Years from the first Day of October next, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly which [Continushall happen after the said three Years.

ance of this Act.]

22.d June 1752 Read and Assented to by/the Lower House of Assembly/

On behalf of the Right Honbie the Lord Propry of this Province I will this be a Law Benj.* Tasker

23 June 1752 Read and Assented to by the Upper/House of Assembly/ Signed p Order

J. Ross Cl Up Ho.

Signed p Order M Macnemara Cl lo ho. the great seal in Wax appendant